

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place," Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:4.

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Remember Birthday Celebration of the Evangel Sunday March 1

South Carolina is Coming to Front

They Are Fully Settled On Doctrine of Church of God; Are Walking In the Light.

DILLON, S. C.—I guess some one is wondering if I have not backslidden but I am glad to tell you, that I am still on the battlefield. I came to Dillon one year ago, found the little flock scattered not even a place to assemble. It reminded me of a bunch of little children in the home where the mother had died and not one large enough to help the other. How my heart was burdened as I looked on the sad condition I went to work and the enemy did too.

Oppositions were great: some times it seemed that we would almost sink in despair, but praise the Lord, while Satan was urging a retreat the Lord was charging a battle. Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world, and like Elisha of old, when the host of enemies were compassing him and his servant on every side, with an eye of faith they saw the angels encamped round them to deliver.

It took almost a year but praise God I can truly say we have complete victory and a stronger band is hard to find. They are fully settled on the Church of God doctrine and are walking in the light. Only two of the bunch are a little weak on trusting the Lord for their bodies, we hope to see them move up soon. This does not include the entire membership as some are gone away, and I can't get in touch with them, but I can see the pure gold in the crowd here.

I spend most all my time among them, that is why I know we have not had many additions to the church but it's not the quantity we're after so much any way, it's quality.

When I came here I said that I had rather have one full pledged member than a great list of names just to count. Thank the dear Lord. I am proud of them, and I am sure God counts on them, and some people in this world will soon know about them. Five or six are rapidly maturing for the ministry, and we hope to put them in school next term.

Bro. M. F. Ward assists me quite a bit in the work, he is deep in the Scriptures and God wonderfully uses him in giving out the Word. Also the Lord manifests His great power to heal the sick inasmuch that many are made to wonder, and unbelievers are made to believe. We have a fine Sunday school. Many more would attend if we only had a larger building. Pray that God will give us a place large enough to accommodate the crowd.—Mary D. McHargue, servant of the church.

A BAPTIST MINISTER RECEIVES THE BLESSING

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky.—Wife and I moved here Oct. 12, and have meeting Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday nights when the weather is good. Five were saved, four received the Holy Ghost and many are looking this way. The four that received the Holy Ghost was a Baptist preacher and wife, his father and step-mother. Pray much for this place.—W. J. Fisher.

15th Anniversary of The Evangel

The Editor and Publisher has announced that March 1 is the fifteenth anniversary of the Church of God Evangel. He also asks that every church make a special celebration on that day.

It so happens that the first day of March comes on Sunday, this makes it just right to have a celebration, the people will naturally attend service on that day, then why not put on a special program, have a few speeches, some good songs and a lecture about the Evangel, then have some one appointed to take subscriptions for the Evangel.

I am sure the Evangel is one of the greatest agents for good, that we have on the field. It enlightens people about salvation, divine healing and the Church of God. It comforts those who have become faint-hearted and cheers the people on in the way of righteousness. It should go into many more new fields. Who will lend a helping hand to get it there?

Every church and every minister and member should spur up at this special day and be a booster for the Evangel.

F. J. LEE.

Lord Blessing Sequachie District

DUNLAP, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord for the way He is working in the Sequachie District. We held a ten days' meeting at Pikeville, and the Lord surely did bless in giving out the Word. We preached on the Church of God and many were made to see the light and said they were going to walk therein. We also preached on paying tithes and many said it was right and they are going to begin paying tithes. One was sanctified and one came into the church. We left the saints on fire for God and left Brother Horam Keith there for their pastor.

From there we came to Dunlap and preached a few days there, and the Lord blessed us. The enemy was there but was driven out, thank the Lord. Two were filled with the Holy Ghost and many said, "pray for me." We are now in a battle for the Lord at Whitwell and are receiving blessings in a wonderful way. All who read this please pray for us that God will keep us humble at His feet.—John Burk and wife.

THE LORD BLESSING IN ARKANSAS

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I am praising God this evening for His blessings which He has bestowed upon this little band at this place.

We had a wonderful service here, Sunday, Feb. 1, the Lord sure did bless. Three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the saints are encouraged to go on. Our pastor, Bro. Sears gave out the Word with great power, and many people are looking this way.

Pray for our success. We had some of the saints from Wynne, with us who rendered some very nice music for us.—E. S. Neal.

Celebrate the Evangel's birthday, by subscribing for some friend who does not take it. You will be rewarded.

Personal Appeal

We the undersigned Executive Council of the Church of God respectfully appeal to all ministers and workers to put forth a special effort to procure subscriptions and renewals for the CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL on its birthday, Sunday, March 1, and to make special mention of its mission and thus create a greater interest in the spread of church news and religious knowledge throughout the world.

We further appeal to the overseers, pastors and evangelists to put forth a special effort to raise funds and supplies for the payment and maintenance of the CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME. As the number of inmates increase the expenses of operation naturally increase and in view of the fact that we have a great number of worthy applicants for admission. We earnestly appeal to one and all REMEMBER THE CRY OF THE ORPHAN.

F. J. LEE, General overseer
J. S. LLEWELLYN,
T. S. PAYNE.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The Following Article Is Reproduced From the First Evangel Dated March 1, 1910.

LATTER RAIN REVIVAL

The public mind is deeply concerned as to many features of the great Pentecostal or "latter rain" revival. A great many souls are affected more or less by its miraculous power. Some are wrapped in the Word of God, taking a bold stand with it. Others are mocking, saying, "These men are full of wine," while others are in doubt, saying, one to another, "What meaneth this?"

The history of Christianity demonstrates that every great spiritual epoch or reformation has been productive of a field of literature peculiar to itself, which has, as a general rule, been presented as complete within its scope. This has proven to be a mistake. We might say, divine revelation was progressive in its unfoldment. Man was led back to his former standard, or similar to his state before his miserable fall, by continual steps, and increasing degrees in its development. True, the discovery of the meaning of the truth has been revealed in steps progressive in the Christian era. And every great reformation, or revival, has been a turning point for the discovery of the meaning of the truth, and for the bestowment or application of different degrees of the work of grace.

As in the reformation of Luther's time, we see that it succeeded in bringing to light justification by faith: the Wesleyan revival sanctification by faith. These two revivals were productive of a vast amount of literature, setting forth many valuable and precious truths, accompanied by blessings of untold value. But, beloved, don't confine yourself to the truth set forth in the literature pertaining to or describing justification and sanctification only. It will serve as a barrier to keep you out of the Pentecostal blessing. They are glorious, but why not go farther?

We are not condemning the people of Mr. Wesley's time or of Mr. Luther's time for not representing the gospel in its Pentecostal fullness. They succeeded in bringing the light to many valuable truths which we are enjoying to-day. They had a great share in bearing "The burden and heat of the day."

Thank God for one dear brother who stood up in the Imperial Assembly, when being called upon to recant his errors,

and said: "I cannot, I will not, unless what I have written shall be shown to be contrary to Holy Scripture or to plain reason, for to act against conscience is neither safe nor upright." His closing remarks were also impressive: "I can do no other-wise; here I stand; God help me. Amen."

Mr. Wesley is recorded as having said: "There is no perfection of degrees; none which does not admit of continued increase."

Beloved, we are on the verge of a climax. The golden chain of truth that links together time; which has been smoked and cankered by the darkness of age, is being washed and garnished by the environment of the Holy Spirit till it is almost as bright as it was when Jesus was on earth.

Glory to Jesus! He's coming soon. Hallelujah!

On the mount where Christ took Peter, James and John, there He was transfigured before them, and there appeared Moses and Elias talking with Him. We might say, Moses here represents justification by faith; Elias sanctification. But, "behold a voice out of the cloud, which said: 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. For He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.'" Since the Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit in Los Angeles, California, in 1906, it has belted the globe, and is flooding every country on the face of the earth with its power and glory.

Brother L. P. Adams, of Memphis, Tenn., in the "Present Truth," said, "It is scriptural! It satisfies! Why oppose?" Yours in God's love.—Marion T. Whidden, Crewsville, Fla.

NOT WALKED FOR 8 MONTHS—HEALED

CANTON, Ohio.—We have just closed a meeting at Akron, Ohio. The meeting was a success. Nineteen were saved, two sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost besides miraculous healings that took place.

One lady soon to be operated on was healed, also a woman who had not walked for eight months, was instantly healed and walked. To God we give all the praise, reports Helen L. Morrow, evangelist, 922 3d St., N. W., Canton, Ohio.

A Sweeping Revival in Ohio

LANCASTER, Ohio.—In January, Bro. Brown, evangelist, came to this place and held a two weeks' meeting in which quite a number were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Again on Feb. 4, at the regular Wednesday night prayer meeting, an altar call was given and 22 came to the altar and prayed through to God. Eleven were converted; ten sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. The Lord just sent a sweeping revival down upon us and Sister Martha Wagner has been holding services every night since, with the altar full every night. The people are still hungry, and the church building is filled to its capacity. Sunday, we had an all-day service with wonderful power. Four received the Holy Ghost, one sanctified, and several were converted. The meeting will continue until God says it is enough. The devil is stirred and very angry on the outside but the pastor and church is in perfect unity and we will hold the fort for God and salvation of souls. Pray for us.—Charles H. Pratt.

Work Prospering in Missouri

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—I promised the Lord that I would write and tell of how the Lord has been blessing us here. I am still in the battle against sin and am fixed, rooted and grounded in the truth and the dear old Church of God. I am proud of my place in the body of Christ; love this straight and narrow way better each day.

Two years ago this coming April while Bro. J. M. Vinay was our overseer the Lord sent us here to pastor this church. We had a hard battle from the beginning but can say to-day that God has given us complete victory over each conflict that we have had with the devil and sin. The first of last October the writer assisted by Bro. Artis began a revival meeting here. God put it on me to preach divine healing right in the beginning of the meeting. Several were healed.

My baby about ten months old broke out all over his head and face, and was indeed a horrible looking sight. He began to lose flesh and it looked as if he would die, but we anointed it with oil and prayed, but couldn't see any results. I wanted it to be done instantly but it was not, however, it was healed and is now a strong healthy baby with only a few spots and scars left. During this time the Lord healed two of my girls. Also wife and I have been healed many times when surely no man could have done us any good. The Lord surely did bless throughout the entire meeting. Two were saved and the saints were very much built up. Our Sunday school is still growing in attendance and interest is being taken by both old and young.

We have just closed another ten days' meeting at this place, Bro. Ledford, of Arkansas was with us and preached two nights—one received the Holy Ghost for we heard her speak in tongues. The saints are very much encouraged. I believe this is going to be the best year of my three years as pastor here.—T. F. Blackwell.

Another Miraculous Case of Healing

After Doctors Had Given Him Up to Die God Wonderfully Heals This Man.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—I am glad I can join my testimony in with others to praise God for His healing power. I was taken ill of "flu" Dec. 23, 1922, was in bed about six weeks, got up too quick and relapsed, then called the doctor, he said my case was leakage of the heart and nervous break-down, as I kept growing worse, called three of the best doctors in Catlettsburg and didn't get any relief. Then I had three of the best doctors in Ashland, Ky., to come and still didn't get any results so I continued with those doctors until Aug., 1924, and they decided the only chance for me was to go to the hospital. So my family decided for me to go to the hospital, and after staying four weeks, could not tell at the expiration of that time that I was very much benefited.

Then the doctors came in and said they could do no more for me, that my case was incurable. They said the only thing they knew for me to do would be to go to Hot Springs, Ark., this I did and returned to my home at Catlettsburg, Nov. 1924. After this my daughter from Peach Creek, W. Va., paid me a visit and insisted that I go home with her. Friends the morning I started it took three men to take me out of my room to the car to meet the train. When we arrived at Peach Creek my son met me there in a car and by the help of my daughter and two grand-sons they helped me to the car and took me to their home, and I remained there with them until a revival meeting started at Logan, W. Va., conducted by Brother E. C. Clark and Brother L. G. Rouse. My daughter and others had told me of the wonderful works being done in healing the sick, so I decided to go to the church and my friends took me there, I went in dragging myself, using a cane; my limbs were all drawn with rheumatism, one shorter than the other. Bro. Rouse laid hands on me and rebuked the disease and through the prayer of faith the Lord wonderfully healed me. I left the church without my cane, walked out to the car, back to the house at home and have not had a crutch in my hand since that day. I was healed by the mighty power of God. That was the latter part of Dec., 1924. I have also gained in weight about 43 pounds; am still able to walk and do almost any kind of work around the house. Your brother in Christ, T. J. Dameron.

REVIVAL—22 SAVED

SHIPLEY'S GROVE, Tenn.—I have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Shipley's Grove. The presence of the Lord was made manifest from beginning to the end. Twenty-two were converted and there was great conviction on the people. Many times while we were assembled blue smoke was seen to settle over the congregation; conviction would take hold of the people and many would cry out to God. A complete report of the meeting will be given later.—M. W. Letsinger, Byington, Tenn.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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A MIGHTY REVIVAL IN AKRON, OHIO HINDERED BY SMALL POX

We began a revival at Akron Feb. 2d, with Sister Helen Morrow in charge. The Lord blessed from the very beginning and large crowds came, inasmuch that we could not properly accommodate them. She divided the congregation and preached to the women one night and the men one, and then the church was filled to its capacity.

More people attended the church here during this meeting than ever before in its history. Nineteen souls were saved in one week, one baptized with the Holy Ghost and two sanctified.

The revival had only been going one week when the small pox broke out among us and the health officers ordered us to close the meeting. I believe this would have been the greatest revival that ever struck Akron if it could have continued two or three weeks.

Sister Morrow is a first-class evangelist, she has the ability to preach the Word; is a graduate from the University and speaks seven languages, having the baptism of the Holy Ghost makes her an efficient preacher. I recommend her to any church as a good evangelist to hold your revival.—C. L. Arrington, Lawndale, Ohio.

HARVEST WHITE— LABORERS FEW

MOONSVILLE, W. Va.—I want to praise God for saving me from a life of sin and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. I praise Him this morning for that deep settled peace down in my heart that gives me a love for everybody. I truly praise the Lord for the revival we had in Moonsville, surely the Lord was in our midst. We had with us the state and district overseers of West Virginia. 18 were sanctified and 9 received the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, in Matt. 9:37, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." True enough, there is only a few people that God can count on. Beloved, God is calling us to the fields so let us put our shoulder to the wheel that souls may be born into the kingdom of God. Pray for me and for my wife that she may be added to the Church of God.—Elder G. Byrd.

SAINTS ENCOURAGED SINCE ASSEMBLY

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I am praising the Lord this morning for this good old highway of holiness, the highest standard of Christianity. We came here about one year ago, and have been trying to lift up Jesus to the people here ever since. Since Bro. Sears came back from the Assembly and told us about the unity that prevailed throughout that grand meeting, the saints have taken on new strength, praise the Lord. I had been somewhat discouraged but thank God am more determined now to do my best for Jesus.

Several souls have come thru to victory for the last few days. The weather has been so bad

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

There is a church of which we are proud,
It is not as fine as some;
But the Lord can be with the crowd,
So we all expect for the Lord to come.

This church is a humble place,
The Church of God is its name;
Where each member was saved by grace,
And spoke in tongues when the Holy Ghost came.

Now the tongues are something new,
To a number of people of the town;
Who never read their Bibles through,
To find that the Holy Ghost came down.

But it fell and the apostles received,
On the day of Pentecost;
The Holy Ghost on all that believed,
And we know that He never got lost.

So come to town some Sabbath day,
And come to this humble place;
And you can hear the holy way,
How the Holy Ghost will help win the race.

Now this Church of God is on Eighth street,
And we have a minister there;
That new folks he loves to meet,
And kneel with them in prayer.

He preaches all the Bible to you,
I know for I heard him say;
That if we were good and true,
That God would our joy repay.

That He would sanctify us sure,
And help you to tell the story,
Of how sanctification makes us pure,
And fill our hearts with glory.

How then the Holy Ghost comes along,
And if we the conditions meet,
And praise Him with our voices strong,
The Holy Ghost Himself will greet.

By speaking according to Acts 2:4,
So now if you believe the Bible is true,
You will not doubt us any more,
For you get this blessing by praying through.

The minister preaches healing by the way,
And if you believe in healing;
You will no doctor have to pay,
If the Lord with you is dealing.

The Lord heals the afflictions of the weak,
And makes the lame to walk,
But if the Holy Ghost does speak,
Then how the people talk.

We have a Sunday school of which we are proud,
It is not as large as some,
But when we meet we are a happy crowd,
And a few new scholars are sure to come.

The children love to read the Bible,
And we sure love them all,
If we don't teach the truth we are liable,
And will have to answer at the final call.

These children are both lads and lassies,
Now I will tell you how they stand,
So I will mention all the classes;
And hope to meet all in the promised land.

The baby class is number one,
Their class name is Busy Bee,
They all love to have some fun,
And are all happy as you see.

Class number two is next in size,
Sunbeams are their names I know,
The name alone should take a prize,
For these sunbeams surely grow.

The Willing Workers are next in line,
They love to help their teacher,
When in the class they have lessons fine,
But they love to joke the preacher.

The Helping Hands are class number four,
And they are a happy crew,
I would like to see this class grow more,
I think we all would don't you?

These Helping Hands are very fine,
But they are a noisy crowd,
As they grow older they will step in line,
Of the Beacon Lights of which we are proud.

The Beacon Lights are last you know,
We want our lights to shine so bright,
Upon the younger ones so they will grow,
And make lights that shine for the right.

The Beacon Lights that shine to-day,
Will soon be growing dim,
So they will want to live the Christian way,
So the children will want to be like them.

But if we want to get this place,
To be a Christian nation;
We are nearing the end of the race,
And will have to look to the next generation.

To spread this gospel all around;
So that people will understand,
And they will be waiting for the trumpet to sound,
And call them to that promised land.

(Composed by J. E. Scherhorn, R. R. No. 6, Sumner, Ill.)

but attendance good.

The Lord blessed Bro. Sears in giving out the Word, and many were amazed at the power of God, to see them dancing and speaking in tongues. Some of the Church of God in Christ people are coming into the Church of God. Pray for us and the work at this place.—Jocle Sears.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

We Shall Trade the Old Cross for a Crown.

A. A. Carpenter

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." Thank God for the dear old cross. And while the Jews might have looked upon the cross as an instrument of death and that it had given them a great victory, but this was to them a great mistake, for that murder threw a black stain upon their entire race, that nothing but the most sincere repentance and faith in the blood of a crucified Saviour, whose precious life had been taken by their own wicked hands, could ever blot out. But thank God it is not so with the righteous.

The text says that the preaching of the cross is to us, that are saved, the power of God, and it is true we see our Saviour dying on the cruel tree, but we do not look upon his terrible scene as a victory as a blood-thirsty mob of murderers, but we see our Saviour dying and shedding His precious life blood to make a great atonement for the sins of the whole world, and while we do lament it is true, for His death and sufferings, but we rejoice with exceeding great joy for the great victory that He gained over death, hell and the grave, and gave the people of God liberty and freedom to serve Him in the beauty of holiness in this present world, so long as life should last, thank God forever.

Hence, we who are saved do not look upon the old rugged cross just as an instrument of death but as a "savour of life unto life," for by our blessed Lord's death on the cross, a fountain was opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness which never could have been provided in any other way, and had He failed to drink Gethsemane's bitter cup this world would have been lost forever, but no, He came to be the world's great Redeemer and the plan must be finished, though it cost His life.

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Ah, how glad we are to glorify God and magnify the name of Jesus, by bearing the cross for Him, and to us the cross is not a heavy load since we have been sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost for the power that the cross carries with it makes it easy to bear, thank the Lord.

But I do not mean the cross that glitters with a golden hue, and men and women, cold professors, wear as decorative ornament, and sing and talk so much about, who know nothing about its power and glory. No, I mean the old rugged cross on which our Saviour died. This is the cross we love to preach about; the cross on which our Saviour hang dying when the sins of the world were upon Him, and it seemed that all had forsaken Him and fled, and it seemed that even the Father when He saw His Son's awful agony had to veil His face at that moment to keep from seeing that scene, and I hear Him say, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" That is to say, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46.

But thanks be to God, He did not forsake Him, no, but just as He heard Him cry "It is finished" then sent a mighty shock that rent the rocks and quaked the earth and rent the veil of the temple from top to bottom and caused many of the dead to come forth and witness the tragedy of that awful day, and while those wicked Jews looked upon that awful scene as a victory; as they saw the prince of glory die and His innocent form laid in the tomb with a great stone rolled to the door and the governor's seal put on it and a guard put over the tomb, but listen! me thinks I hear the great Jehovah speak in thunder tones, declaring they shall go no

THE CHURCH OF GOD BUILT UPON A SOLID FOUNDATION

Hearken Diligently Unto Me and Let Your Soul Delight Itself In Fatness.

Clara Mullikin

Pastor! Teacher Evangelist! "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shalt thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah; for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye, that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

The Lord hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway: gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye, to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." Isa. 62.

O, how we rejoice to-day for the precious Word of God. No wonder Job 23:12 cries out, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food."

Again we hear David exclaiming, "O, send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." Psa. 43:3. "Through thee will we push down our enemies; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name forever." Psa. 44:5, 6, 7, 8.

O, I feel to-day like running through a troop, and by our God leap over a wall.

Are we, as ministers of the Word going through the gates and lifting up a standard for the

farther. But on the third day, bright-robed angels came from the glory world and rolled away the stone and the guards fell as dead men, and the immaculate Son of God arose in triumph and great glory and bound death and hell captives to His chariot wheels and rode through this world as a triumphant, victorious king. King of kings and Lord of lords and thank God He lives to-day and sits upon His mediatorial throne at the right hand of the Father making intercession for His little church that is struggling for victory down here.

Well, here I am away out here in mid ocean with this great subject and no shore in sight so I guess I shall not be able to make any landing until the great Church of God with her white wings spreads open wide to the breezes, from off the great ocean of our God's eternal blessedness, and sails up to the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem where we shall trade the old cross for a crown. Amen.

people? Are we ashamed to say to this hypocritical and truth rejecting age, that will not submit to government, that the Church of God is government?—a theocratic form of government, or a government by God. And she was founded by our Lord, Jesus Christ. 1 Tim. 3:15, "Which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Not a pillow (something for you to sleep on) Praise God, but PILLAR—something the Church of God is built upon, not man's failures, but pillar and ground of the truth.

What is truth? The Word of God—Jesus. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Why? Because she is under the power of God, the government of God. Hallelujah!

Let us rise, shine and give God the glory!

St. Paul spoke boldly to the Galatian church, Gal. 1:8. "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Just before the sun peeps over the eastern horizon, we can view her splendor as she spreads her light across this dark earth, before she shows her form, and we watch her rise higher and higher until her light is blinding to our eyes, yet, she goes on and at last we see her making the heavens beautiful again, as she is about to bid us goodnight from the western sky.

Can we see the great Church of God? Watch the light on the day of Pentecost, three thousand souls fell at the feet of Jesus, because they saw her beauty and power, they could not stand it, and cried out, "What shall I do to be saved?" Then came the dark ages! but, thank God, her radiance is again seen from the east, west, north and south; hungry hearts are crying for the bread of life; listening ears are catching the joyful sound—look up! the day of your redemption draweth nigh. Eager eyes are looking to the ministry to bring them, "a certain sound" they are tired of sounding brass, and tinkling cymbal.

Where has He promised to bless? "In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee." Ex. 20:24.

Rev. 3:8, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Come brothers and sisters of the gospel calling: let us do our best for Christ and His church, that He purchased with His own blood.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28.

"I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honey-comb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." Song of Sol. 5:1.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Isa. 55:1, 2.

VISITED BY ORPHANAGE SOLICITOR AND WORKERS

HOLLY SPRINGS, Ga.—On last Wednesday night we had a good service at this place in a vacant house, near Bro. Will Wheelers.

Sister Hattie Chambers, Nanie Hagewood and Vivian Hagewood, from Cleveland, Tenn., were with us. Sister Hagewood had the anointing of the Spirit to give out the Word, and it surely did make every one present feel like living better lives and praying more and talking less. We were delighted to have these good people with us. May the Lord bless them as they go in His name to Florida and other points to hold revivals and working for the interest of the Orphanage.

The Lord has been wonderfully blessing the people since last August, about thirty-five

have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and most of these have been added to the Church of God at Toonigh, Ga. How we thank the dear Lord for what He is doing. We have a good Sunday school and the church is beginning to put forth new strength. Praise the Lord. Pray for this place.—Mrs. B. A. Wheeler.

MARYLAND COMING TO THE FRONT

FRUITLAND, Md.—I want to praise the dear Lord for what He is to me, about four years ago I was saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues and the Comforter still abides. Thank the Lord. We have had many hard battles to fight, many have fallen away but we are not the least bit discouraged, for the Bible will be fulfilled. We had a wonderful service a few nights ago, the Lord was with us through the entire service and His power was manifested wonderfully.

Bro. Paul Walker brought the message, which was inspiring and encouraging, the saints were very much built up. Bro. and Sister Bloomingdale from Georgia are still with us, he remarked that it was the best service he had been in for some time. Where there is unity there is strength. — Mrs. Lenora Brown.

HEALED BY LAYING ON THE EVANGEL

CECILIA, Ky.—I am so glad this morning finds me in the straight and narrow way that leads from earth to glory. I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power, a few nights ago I had a terrible head-ache, I took the Evangel and laid it upon my head, and the pain all left, for which I give God all the praise and glory. I am shut in on account of small pox, please pray for me to be released.—Lillie M. Hatfield.

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ON THE FIRING LINE IN TEXAS

THE BAND BOYS WHO TRAVELED SO EXTENSIVELY IN FLORIDA LAST YEAR ASSISTING STATE OVERSEER, J. L. STEVENS ARE NOW ON THE TEXAS BATTLEFIELD.

P. W. Chesser

While viewing the situation of the surrounding country this beautiful bright sunny day, we see people going to and fro, apparently enjoying the beneficiaries of this world as far as the corruptible things will permit, but they are not satisfied with that.

As we look and behold the handiwork of God, how He made this world with its beautiful landscapes, beautified with mountains, hills, rivers, valleys, prairies, and plains of Texas and many other things too numerous to mention just now, while making all these things He thought of man, how He could be glorified in and through him dwelling upon this earth, but because of transgression man has failed to glorify God as he should, so God is being glorified from the tops of mountains to the river beds with the work of His hand, other than man.

As we view the multitudes swiftly passing into eternity, we notice they are from the cradle, the prime of life to old tottering forms that will soon be laid low, but still fail to glorify God.

During school we wondered where our work would be this year to accomplish the most for God and to rescue lost humanity. As the time drew near we began praying and waiting before God for guidance, so the Macedonian cry began ringing, and calls from different places and among the calls came one from Texas, saying "We are praying for you to come out here and if you don't want to come to Texas you had better write and tell us to stop praying." Some how we failed to write and in a few days came another letter stating, "let us know what you need to bring you here." Of course it was our desire to go back to Florida and visit our parents but was unable to go, so we decided to wire Bro. Johnson our condition financially, as we had by this time decided to go to Texas in spite of all discouragements coming in from different parties, while some were encouraging us to go. Bro. Payne went with us to the office to send the telegram and while standing on the outside talking the matter over as to just what to wire Bro. Johnson, my brother found one half dollar which paid for the message, now of course this was encouraging it appeared to us that the Lord was directing us, and in a few days we were ready to start for Texas.

We spent the last night in Cleveland with Brother Payne and before leaving the next morning we gathered around the family altar and asked the Lord's guidance and protection on the trip. It seemed almost like leaving home, since he was so much like a father to us while in school and around his home. We left Cleveland 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning enroute for Texas, which is about one thousand miles.

The weather was unfavorable but by faith we drove off, and by the time we reached Alabama the clouds had vanished and the sun was shining.

We traveled over hills and through valleys, Through broad streets and back alleys.

From the cities through the wood, Yet of the wisdom of God we little understood.

Of danger, little did we dream, Because we were guided by a hand unseen. The motor seemed to sing as never before, Ah, such good luck; who could ask more?

While the rivers sang praises from shore to shore, Of the trip His Guiding Hand did implore.

As upon Him we did rely, The winding brooks seemed to testify:— "Trust in Him, from on high,

THE LOVE OF GOD DWELLING IN OUR HEARTS

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

God is love, for He gave His only dear Son to die for this lost and dying world that we might be saved from sin, then sanctified through His blood. O what love!

To have love in our hearts we must have unity. No one has the real love in their hearts without unity.

Jesus says if we love and believe in Him we shall not perish, but have everlasting life. He will save us from that awful lake of fire which is hell. O, what a Saviour!

Jesus said also in 1 John 4:8, He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

O just think, if we hate any one we are lost, that loving Jesus will turn us away from Him if we hate any one.

Jesus also said in 1 John 4:9, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us; because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

Just think, Jesus gave up a beautiful home up in heaven that will never decay and came to this lost world and bore the sufferings of man. He was crucified that we might be sanctified. Do you love Jesus enough to give up the pleasures of this sin cursed world and pick up the cross and follow Him? Just think for a moment, do you love your brother to the extent that you would step between him and death? O, God help us to have more love one for another.

We find in 1 John 5:2, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments."

Do we love with a godly love, all the children of God? Do we honor them as we should? Let's all try to keep the commandments of God, being careful about what we say. If we have this true godly love we will not see the faults of others so much but will look more closely at our own life trying to keep it clean and spotless, before both God and man.—Mamie Richards, Alabama City, Ala.

You'll land at your destiny by and by."

While His great power we could feel,

There wasn't a puncture from the wheels.

While passing—the whistle fairly squealed,

And on we went with greater zeal.

As we came through Little Rock,

The capitol with its magnificent top,

Seemed to say, "Drive on, no time to stop."

The roads are good but beware of the cops."

In Hot Springs, Arkansas we stopped too.

There we saw the Gentle and the Jew,

And almost from poverty to wealth.

Thronged in this place for their health.

But they die as others do.

And they all need the gospel too.

We inquired of the road of course 'tis true,

"They are rough but you can make it through.

Roads are good from Arkadelphia to Texarkana."

(But remember one can't saw wood with a hammer)

I s'pose we saw Sallie, Nancy and Susanna,

But we soon said "Hello Paris goodbye Texarkana.

While coming through the hills of Arkansas,

"Your honor" we hardly saw a cat's paw.

There are many good people in Arkansas,

But some of the best in Texas I ever saw.

People have many sad distresses.

But there are very few old-fashioned dresses.

There are thousands of people in Texas,

And cool breezes there is a plenty;

The power falls and God blesses,

So look out for us at the next Assembly.

Unity of the Faith

L. G. Rouse

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch)." Acts 5:12.

As I write this message I can almost hear Paul say, "With all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:2, 3.

Again in the 5th chapter of Romans Paul says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

There was never a time since the world began that the people of God need to get together in the unity of the faith as we do in these last days.

The enemy of our soul is keeping us from coming to the unity of the faith. Eph. 4:13 says, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Thank God, when the Church of God comes to the unity of the faith, there will not be so many of the fearful and unbelieving, hanging on.

("They were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them; but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.") Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed every one."

We will notice in the 13th verse, "And of the rest durst no man join himself," as stated above when the church comes to the unity of the faith, all the crooks and liars will fall just like Ananias. Why was it that no man joined himself to them? Because Peter had told Ananias about his crooked life and how he had led to the Holy Ghost and fell at his feet dead and all that was like him was afraid to join himself to them;

What brought this about? They were all with one accord and in the unity of the faith. Then will be brought to pass the saying of the prophet: "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppression, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off."

And the God in whom we trust will come with healing in His wings and nothing we ask shall be restrained from us, when we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, until we all come in the unity of the faith."

We find Paul says in the 13th chapter of 2 Cor. and the 11th verse, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Also notice Phil. 1:27, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

A mark of progress in unity of faith, old differences forgotten.

"The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." Isa. 11:13.

Paul said, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things

which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13, 14.

Oh, that the children of God could lay down differences and come together in the unity of the Spirit, then we could make great progress in the unity of faith, but we find that leadership is a great hindrance to the progress of the Pentecostal people, then we could say, as Isa. 52:8. "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with their voice they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." We hear Jeremiah say, "In those days," in what days? when the watchmen (leaders) lift up their voice together as one man, see eye to eye, and at that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, loving one another, and having compassion one for another and together worship the Lord their God, and finally be gathered all into one fold, the Church of God.

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:16.

"For He is our peace, who hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Hear the conclusion of the whole matter, in Judges 20th chapter and 11th verse, "So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man." In the unity of the faith.

THE COLORED WORK

I have just received a letter from the overseer of the colored work, David La Fleur. He states that the work is moving on fine while they are having some trials and hard battles, they are moving on with a victorious tread.

Some one wrote us a letter of criticism stating that we had shown partiality by not placing Brother La Fleur's name along with the other overseers under the letter "F" which represented Florida. I want to explain here that Brother La Fleur's name doesn't stand at the bottom of the list through any prejudice or partiality, but because his name doesn't belong with the list of state overseers any more than my name does. Brother La Fleur is more than a state overseer, he is a general overseer over the colored churches, not just in Florida alone, but in all the state south of the Ohio river.

We appreciate the colored churches and wish them much success.

I want to state here that an action was passed in last Assembly that they should have an orphanage, which they have decided to locate in Florida, and I believe they have selected Brother C. F. Bright as secretary and treasury of this fund. His address is 2346 Dennis St., R. 5, Box 32, Jacksonville, Fla.

I will just state here if any one has an offering to make for this enterprise and you want to send it through the Evangel office we will see that they get it.

This is a very worthy cause and we should look after the colored children as well as the white, so please don't neglect this.

F. J. LEE, Gen. O'seer.

THE LORD BLESSING IN NORTH CAROLINA

SHELBY, N. C.—We want to praise the dear Lord for the way He is blessing at Shelby. Husband and I with many of the saints have been in a battle for Jesus at this place. We met at the church Wednesday night for service and the Lord was there to bless. The pastor, W. M. Stalling started to preach but could not for the shouts and praises. Some were running and leaping, and some were playing the organ under the power of God. We were called to pray for a sick man whom the doctors said would have to go to the hospital, but we prayed for him and he was able to get up and walk the next morning.—Mrs. Maud Stallings.

IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

THOMAS.

The death angel visited the home of Carson and Emma Thomas, of Oakvale, W. Va., and plucked a tender rose bud of seven months out of their home. His death being caused by pneumonia fever.

He was the flower of the home, and leaves to mourn his death, father, mother, two sisters, one brother and many others. Was laid to rest in the Anawalt cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

—His grand-mother, Mary L. Thomas.

PEARSON.

On Dec. 12, 1924, the death angel visited the home of Bro. and Sister John Pearson and took away their baby, little Grady; age 9 months and five days. He was a bright, lovable little fellow, loved so much by his father, mother, brothers and sisters. They trusted the Lord 'till the end. He would always get relief when prayed for, but God saw best to take him home. Little Grady was laid to rest in the Walhalla No. 2 cemetery, funeral service was conducted by Bro. E. M. Ellis, Greenville, S. C.

—Mrs. Florence Pace.

BAILEY.

On Nov. 29, 1924, the death angel visited the home of our Bro. Ashley Bailey, of Lakeland, Fla., and claimed his dear wife, Emma Nash Bailey. She was a member of the Baptist church but believed in the Church of God. She leaves to mourn her death, husband, seven children, five sisters, two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. She was laid to rest in the Griffin cemetery, four miles from Lakeland to await the coming of Jesus.

Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,

So free from all sorrow and pain: With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,

To meet each other again.

—Mrs. A. L. (Nash) Edson, Brown.

GOODWIN.

Tomie Bell Goodwin, daughter of Charles and Sarah Goodwin, of Cleveland, Tenn., was born April 17, 1910, departed this life to be with Jesus, Feb. 7, 1925. She was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. Her suffering was intense but of short duration.

She was faithful to the end, and didn't want any earthly physician. She leaves to mourn her loss, father, mother, three brothers, three sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. Her funeral was conducted at the Bancrofts tabernacle by Bro. Carl A. Welchman and her body laid to rest in the Price's cemetery. Let us be faithful unto death and meet Tomie where there will be no more parting.

—A friend, Drucilla Owen.

THRACHER.

On Dec. 29, the death angel claimed my dear husband, William Thracher, of Dallas, Tex.; age 81. My two sons and I will be very lonesome without our husband and father with us now, but the sweet abiding presence of Jesus gives us so much consolation in our hours of bereavement.

He has left us, true it is, Our dear father, whom we loved; But we know that we shall meet him, In that happy land above.

Can we call him back? nay, too late! How we miss his presence here; We're sure we'll meet him at the gate, Where there will be no tears.

—Jeannie Thracher.

STANFIELD

On Aug. 8, 1924, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister W. W. Stanfield and claimed little Virginia; age ten months.

She was a bright little jewel in the home, had a smile for every one that had a chance to meet her. She has gone to be with Jesus.

Our loss is heaven's gain. Praise the Lord for the hope of meeting her again in glory.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. G. C. Dunn and her body was laid to rest in the Clayton cemetery at Alabama City, Ala., to await the coming of Jesus.

O, we miss our sweet little darling, Since she has left this world below; And we hope again to meet her, On that bright and shining shore.

—E. F. Cornutt.

HELTON.

GRAYSVILLE, Tenn.—Bro. Jim Helton, of Grayville, Tenn., departed this life, Jan. 18, 1925. He had the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and belonged to the Church of God at Grayville, but had been unable to attend for some time but some of the saints went to his home and prayed and held services. Bro. Helton was 83 years of age, and will be greatly missed by all; leaves to mourn his loss, five children and one sister. Was laid to rest in Low Mountain cemetery, and we are expecting to meet him again.

—Sarah Cross.

STONEBURNER.

On Jan. 31, 1925, Mrs. Jane Stoneburner, of Richmond Dale, O., was called to be with Jesus. Prayer was offered in behalf of her healing but God knew best and called her home to be with Him. She left a wonderful testimony that she was ready to meet the Saviour. She was 63 years of age, and leaves to mourn her husband, children and grand children also a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Pearl Moss, West Junction, Ohio.

There's another grave in the little mound,

There's another break in the sod; Aunt Jane of whom I loved so dearly, Has gone to be with God.

She died last Wednesday morning, Before the rising of the sun; When I found myself weeping, I just said, "Thy will be done."

—Almeda Davis, her niece.

THORNTON.

On Jan. 30, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Andrew M. Thornton, of Oakvale, W. Va., and claimed his loving wife, Elizabeth Susan Thornton.

She was 63 years of age, and leaves to mourn her death, a husband, two brothers, two sister and a host of relatives and friends. She began her Christian warfare in early life, was saved, sanctified and was seeking for the Holy Ghost and was a great Sunday school worker. A few hours before her death, she sang the song, "I'm going home to die no more." The funeral was conducted by Bro. Flenary Bowling, and her remains were laid to rest at New Zion cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Sleep on dear Susan, and take your rest,

For surely you'll soon be among the blest;

You looked so sweet in your casket and gown,

You bore the cross and shall wear the crown.

—Her sister, Mary Lee Thomas.

SPIECH.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spiech, of Crab Orchard, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1924, and claimed their darling baby, Emma Pauline Spiech, age 14.

She was a cripple but was prayed for many times by the saints, but God in His mighty wisdom saw best to call her home. She would often pray for her dolls and would ask her mother to tell her about the holiness folks. Her funeral was held in the Church of God by Bro. G. M. Green, and the remains were laid to rest in the Crossville cemetery to wait the first resurrection. Her mother is a member of the Church of God and her father has been converted. The little girl leaves to mourn her death, father, mother and a host of relatives and friends.

We had a treasure once, She was our joy and pride; We loved her, perhaps too much, For soon she slept and died.

All is dark within our dwelling, Lonely our hearts to-day; For the one we loved so dearly, Has forever past away.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still, A chair is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

Weep not papa and mamma, But live here so you'll be ready; When Jesus comes or calls, To go and meet your loved one.

—One who loved her, Mrs. Fred Silvers.

CORRECTION.

In the Orphanage report of January the church at Rome, Ga., receives credit for an offering of 92 cents, which was sent by the church at Lindale, Ga.—Transcribers.

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SERMON ON PRAYER

By C. L. Arrington

"And it came to pass, that as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1.

I feel like repeating the words of the disciples and saying, "Lord, teach me to pray." To learn from Christ how to pray is to learn the greatest lesson from the greatest teacher.

There is nothing more important in the Christian life than prayer. It is the food of the soul; without it we would soon die spiritually. I believe that is why so many are spiritually dead they left off prayer. I never heard of any one backsliding nor getting cold in their soul while praying, most every backslider will tell you that the reason they backslid was that they left off prayer.

One brother that had been in the habit of praying every morning before he went to work went one morning without prayer and he got in trouble that day and was heard to say, "O, if I had just prayed this morning I would not have been in this trouble."

Many that have gotten into trouble could say this.

In this day of rush even the Christian people are not taking time to pray as much as they ought, they say, "I am so busy I cannot take time to pray." If you have so much business that you can't take time to pray you have more business than you need; it is more important to leave off some of your business than to leave off prayer. The more you have to do the more you should pray.

James Hamilton tells of a gallant officer pursued by an overwhelming force when he discovered that his saddle girth was loose, he coolly dismounted, repaired the girth by tightening buckle and then dashed away, the wise delay to repair damages sent him on in safety, amid the hurrahs of his comrades. The Christian soldier who hurries away in the morning without stopping for prayer and Bible study will be apt to ride all day with a broken buckle and should he be pursued by the enemy he will meet with defeat and disaster.

"Lord, teach me to pray." I had rather know how to pray than to preach; preaching is talking to men but prayer is talking to God. He that prayeth well shall preach well also. He that preaches without prayer is fighting the air.

All of the great preachers in the past have been men of prayer. Luther spent the night in prayer before he appeared before the Diet at Worms. Wesley would rise at four o'clock every morning and start the day's work with prayer. Finney was known to spend whole nights in prayer. Before Edwards preached his great sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," he spent the night in prayer; no wonder so many were saved by it. Not only the great preachers have been men of prayer but the great leaders of the nation have been men of prayer, Washington was a man of prayer, even Wilson prayed to the God of heaven.

I believe it was the prayers of the godly people that won the victory in the World's war. If we ever win the victory over sin I know it will be in answer to prayer. We need a worldwide revival but it can only be brought about by prayer. We will have to get desperate about it then God will give it to us. We need to say, "Lord give me souls or I die." Dear saints stop a minute and lift your eyes to heaven and say, "Lord teach me to pray."

After having seen the great need of prayer let us see what prayer is. Prayer is not saying words; you might say a multitude of words without praying, for we are not heard for our much speaking. Prayer is not repeating something that we have learned by heart, that is saying prayers but it is not praying. Prayer is not making a lot of noise, like the prophets of Baal.

"Prayer is the desire of the heart going up to God either in secret or audible. A prayer in its simplest definition is merely

a wish turned to God.—Phillip Brooks.

"Fewer words, better prayers."—Luther.

"Prayer is a sincere sensible affectionate pouring out of the soul to God through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the spirit for such things as God has promised.—Bunyan.

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance it is laying hold of his highest willingness."—Trench.

"Prayer is not eloquence but earnestness, not the definition of helplessness but the telling of it, not figure of speech but earnestness of soul."—H. Moore.

"Certain thoughts are prayers there are moments when whatever be the attitude of the body the soul is on its knees."—Victor Hugo. Some one has said that prayer is like a well when one bucket is going up the other is coming down, so it is with our prayers when they are going up the answer is coming down.

The Bible definition of prayer is calling upon God or asking Him for something. "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." Gen. 4:26. "And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God." Gen. 21:33. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13. Jesus called prayer asking something of God. He says, "Ask and it shall be given unto you. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

The above Scriptures show that prayer is asking something of God, but at the back of the asking there must be a strong desire for the thing asked for. Calling upon God asking Him for something without a sense of need, without feeling that we must have them would be mockery, such prayer in the ears of God would be empty words and our hearts must remain just as empty after repeating them as before. Before we can pray right we must apprehend the omnipresence of God; that is we must believe that He is present with us. If we pray to God as if He were off somewhere else we may call as loud as the prophets of Baal with no better success. True prayer contains the idea of a present God of infinite fullness. (Lee). To pray right we must believe that He is able to do what we ask of Him. With God all things are possible, is anything too hard for Thee?

Before prayer can be effectual it must be offered in the name of Jesus. He says "At that day ye shall ask in my name." John 16:26. Many prayers are not answered because the author ignores the name of Jesus. If you should send a telegram or letter to some one it would have to be addressed right or it would not reach its destiny, so it is with our prayers they have to be addressed to the Father in the name of Jesus.

I heard of a man who did not believe in Jesus that got in trouble and he cried to God to help him but he received no help, finally he cried out saying, "O, God for Christ's sake help me," that instant he was delivered from his trouble.

During the Civil war in a certain city lived a banker who had only one boy and he went to war, and the father was so patriotic that he spent all of his time caring for the soldiers that was down and out and his bank business was going to nothing and his friends persuaded him not to spend his time caring for the soldiers but to look after his bank business so he decided to stop caring for them and went back to his bank and in came a soldier ragged and hungry and asked help of him, he said, "I have quit caring for you soldiers, you will have to seek help some where else, the boy reached in his pocket and pulled out a piece of paper and handed it to the banker and on the paper these words were found, "Dear father, this is one of my comrades receive him as

myself. Charles" The banker took the boy home and put him in Charles' bed and let him have his chair at the table. Why? Because he had come in his son's name. So if we go to God and say, "O God give me so and so in the name of Jesus thy Son He will hear us and answer our prayer.

Next we must believe that he will answer our prayers. We must ask in faith believing, nothing doubting: if we doubt we will be like a wave and shall receive nothing. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith is an essential element of prayer, without it prayer will be in vain. If we have faith as a grain of mustard seed nothing shall be impossible to us. Matt. 17:20.

Many of us pray like the old woman. Some one told her if she had faith as a mustard seed she could ask anything of God and He would do it, so there was a large mountain at the back of her house and she wanted it out of the way. One night she prayed and asked God to move the mountain, the next morning she looked out of the window to see if the mountain was gone and it was still there, and she said "it is just as I expected, the mountain is still there." She prayed but did not expect God to answer her prayer. I wonder if that is not the way with some of us, God forbid that it should be.

Next our prayer must be according to the will of God.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." 1 John 5:14. We should never desire anything contrary to His will. In every prayer it should be expressed or implied, "not my will but thine be done." Many of us ask amiss and receive not because we ask for that which is contrary to His will.

Next we must be willing to do all that is in our power to bring our prayers to pass. Prayer and faith will profit nothing unless we do our part. Suppose some brother was hungry and needed something to eat, and I had a pocket full of money and ask God to supply his needs but would not give of my money to supply them do you think he would answer my prayer? No, for James says, "faith without works is dead." See James 2:14-26.

There was once a rich farmer who belonged to the church and had his family prayer every morning, and would pray for the poor and needy. Near him lived an old widow and her children who were in need of something to eat, so one morning he prayed "Lord help the poor widow and her children and give them something to eat." When he quit praying his little girl said, "Papa I wish I had your corn crib." He said, "why, what would you do with it, daughter?" "I would answer your prayers," said the little girl, this made him feel ashamed of himself to see how he was asking God to do that which he could do himself. Is not this the same with many of us. We pray for God to save souls and yet we never speak to sinners about their lost condition, we say "Lord put forth thy finger and save some one" and He says "Thou art my finger has thou done anything to get them saved?"

"The body of our prayer is the sum of our duty, and as we must ask of God whatsoever we need so we must watch and labor for what we ask. "Whatsoever we beg of God let us also work for it."—Jeremy, Taylor.

"Practice in life whatsoever you pray for and God will give it to you more abundantly."—Pusey.

When shall we pray? Jesus said we "ought always to pray and not to faint." That is to keep praying and not give up until we hear from heaven. Paul said, "Pray without ceasing." We are dependent on God for everything, for without him we can do nothing. If we feel that dependence at all times we shall always be in a spirit of prayer and those who feel this spirit will as frequent as possible be found in the exercise of prayer. Cherish the spirit of prayer and make devotion the real and true business of life.

Where shall we pray? Paul says, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands." 1 Tim. 2:8. We should

pray in the church, in the home in the shop, in the field, or wherever we may be.

For whom shall we pray? We should pray for all saints. Eph. 6:18. We should pray for all men, and especially kings and rulers. Do we do this or do we say "Lord bless me and my wife and my son John and his wife, us four and no more?"

What is the condition of prayer? First, we must be humble. 2 Chron. 7:14. Pride in the heart will hinder our prayers. We must see our littleness and nothingness and God's greatness, and then cry to Him for help, it is then and only then that He will hear and answer us.

We must disregard all sin or He will not answer our prayers. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." If I see something wrong in my heart and make no effort to get rid of it I will not hear me. I cherish that which is evil He will not hear me. Right here is where many Christians lose out when the Holy Ghost through the Word shows up some sin or wrong in their lives, instead of confessing it and asking God to take it out, they cherish it as a little pet, then they pray and pray and wonder why it is God does not hear and answer their prayers. They are regarding iniquity in their heart.

If there ever was a time when the children of God needed to pray it is now; we need to stir ourselves and take hold of God. The world is lying in wickedness and sin and it is only through prayer that we can reach them. Christ our great example He spent whole nights in prayer, are we following Him in this matter? If we are going to have a mighty revival we must spend much time in prayer.

JESUS IS OUR CAPTAIN—HEARS US WHEN WE CALL

SCHOOLFIELD, W. Va.—I want to add my testimony to the Evangel for my blessed Saviour. for He is so precious to me I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost with evidence of His presence just now.

Just now He has come to my rescue and healed my little boy of croup, for which I praise Him. It is now eleven o'clock at night that I write this, and it is all for the honor and glory of God that I do it. He said we could ask anything in His name and receive it. I promised the Lord I would write this before I went to sleep and how good I feel when I pay my vows. Each one pray that I will stay in the center of His will.

Schoolfield has an army. Though it is very weak and small;

But Jesus is our captain, And hears us every time we call.

E. L. Rush.

HOPES TO ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL

SCOBEY, Miss.—I praise God because I can report victory in my soul to-day, not yesterday, nor last year but to-day. There is a deep settled peace in my soul that all hell can't disturb, praise God! The temptations and trials are only stepping stones to glory. Dear ones when disappointments overtake you, just look up, there's victory ahead. As I read the good testimonies in last week's issue of the Evangel it made my heart rejoice to know that the Lord was so wonderfully blessing precious souls. The testimonies from the Bible school students made me want to be there and feast on the good things. Please pray that the Lord will open the way for me to attend next term. God bless you all.—Mrs. H. L. Gillett.

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A MARVELOUS CASE OF HEALING

TYRONE, Mo.—I want to thank God to-day for what He is and has done for me. I have surely gone through some fiery trials the last five months but He has led me through to victory. I was converted, baptized and joined the Baptist church about 13 years ago and lived as good life as I could, helped in Sunday school work and did my best in this way until this past winter I saw the light on the Church of God. Had never heard of the Holy Ghost or speaking in other tongues, 'till about a year ago.

About this time my little boy took seriously ill of a bone disease, we took him to a good doctor, but he said he had no medicine for it, said the only hope would be to scrape the bone, this I could hardly bear to think of, so I received a letter from my brother who is a Pentecostal preacher, stating, if the doctors could not heal my boy that our God could, and gave me Scripture to prove it. I earnestly searched the Word 'till God gave me the light on divine healing.

Brothers Artis and Green came to Tyrone and held a meeting so I took my little boy over to get them to pray for him; this they did and when the affected part burst and run some bones came out and he is now healed, one leg was about an inch and half shorter than the other but now they are the same length. Now when any of us get sick we trust in God and go down in humble prayer and He always heals. Bless His name. Pray for me.—Mrs. W. B. Grogan.

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HEALED AT THE STATE ASSEMBLY

HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—I want to praise God for healing me when I was so terribly afflicted that I could not take a step without two strong persons holding me up. I went to the Assembly of the Church of God at Huntington, W. Va., had Bro. Rouse to pray and lay hands on me and I was healed instantly. Praise God. He gets all the glory. I ran out of the house, shouting, jumped into the car and when I reached home jumped out of the car, ran up five steps into the hall, then ran up 18 steps to my room. Praise God. I was perfectly healed and have never had a pain since. That was in August and I am still healed and praising God for healing me.—Mrs. Mary T. Sullivan, 1660 10th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

HEALED OF DEAFNESS

MONAVILLE, W. Va.—I feel impressed to add my testimony concerning the marvelous healing power of our God, bless His name. When I was a little child I had a healing in the right ear, it did not get any better but as time went on grew worse. After being married

several years the ear specialist said a mastoid operation might save my life, if not, I had only a month or so to live, and after the operation he said I could never hope to hear with that ear for it had no drum in it, as it had decayed. I also had a paralytic stroke but praise the dear Lord, while at the Assembly at Huntington, W. Va., I requested prayer for a deaf ear with no drum and God instantly came to my rescue and I could close the left ear and hear Bro. Rouse speaking above all the shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Praise God. I can still hear loud speaking with that ear but it seems to be tight, please pray that God will break that tight feeling and let me hear clearer with that ear in which He replaced the drum.—Emma Taylor.

MARVELOUS CASES OF HEALING

BARNABUS, W. Va.—I have just closed an 18-days' meeting with great victory. I believe there is a revival spirit in this place that will not die soon, the altar was full of earnest seekers when the meeting closed and many are looking this way. There was one old man that was saved, who was 74 years old, and was all crippled up with rheumatism and came to be healed and the Lord healed, and saved him.

He has been a regular attendant throughout the meeting and there were 13 converted in all and 12 sanctified and 9 received the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water and 13 added to the church. Among the number was a Pentecostal Church of Christ, minister and a wonderful man of God.

There were many wonderful healings done in the name of the holy child Jesus. One or two I will mention. There was a young colored girl about 10 or 11 years of age that had her tonsils removed and was in a serious condition. A disease took hold of her that the doctors did not understand, she was in a jerk all over till she could not eat and had not eaten anything from Wednesday to Sunday morning. A neighbor man brought a handkerchief to me, to anoint and I anointed it and told him to take it and lay it on the girl in Jesus' name and the Lord would heal her, he did so and the moment he laid it on her, the jerking stopped and the girl got up and ate a hearty breakfast. She was healed through the mighty power of God.

Also there was a woman that had tried many doctors but grew worse all the time, she was just sitting in the congregation while I was preaching on divine healing and she believed the Word and was healed, when she could hardly sit up on her seat, and we give God all the glory. Pray for me that God will continue to heal the sick and save lost souls, and keep me humble at His feet.—L. G. Rouse.

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